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Between the dates of May 11th and May 16th

Elba Police make multiple drug-related arrests

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Police arrested five suspects between Wednesday, May 11, through Monday, May 16, on controlled substance and other criminal charges.

According to Coffee County Jail records, Alex Thomas, age 49, of Elba was arrested Wednesday morning, May 11, on four separate drug-related charges. He faces two counts of distribution of a controlled substance [\$60,000 bond for each charge], one count of possession of a controlled substance [\$7,500 bond], and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia [\$2,500 bond].

Thomas was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 9:36 a.m. on May 11th, and he remained in the jail as of press time this week.

On Friday, May 13, Elba Police arrested Eric Hicks, age 35, of Enterprise, on four charges. He is facing a possession of a controlled substance charge [\$5,000 bond] along with three separate misdemeanor charges of failure to appear [each with a \$500 bond].

Hicks was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 10:33 p.m. on May 13th, and he remained in the jail as of press time this week.

On Sunday, May 15, Elba Police arrested Gregory Hall, age 55, of Elba on two charges. He faces a possession of a controlled

substance charge [\$5,000 bond], and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,000 bond].

Hall was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 11:33 p.m. Sunday night, and he remained in the jail as of press time this week.

Elba Police also made two separate drug-related arrests on Monday, May 16, of Elba residents.

Rebecca Turner, age 51, was booked into the Coffee County Jail early Monday morning at 12:13 a.m., and she is facing a possession of a controlled substance charge [\$5,000 bond], and a mis-

demeanor possession of marijuana - second degree charge [\$1,000 bond].

Turner remained in the county jail as of press time this week.

Later in the morning, Monday, May 16, Elba Police arrested Rick Burch, age 50, of Elba. He is facing a possession of a controlled substance charge [\$5,000 bond], a misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia charge [\$1,000 bond], and two counts of felony probation violation.

Burch remained in the county jail as of press time this week.



Hall



Burch



Turner

Child from Georgia killed Sunday, May 15, in Coffee County traffic accident

Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency [ALEA] confirmed Sunday evening, May 15, that a young child died in a two-vehicle crash in Coffee County.

The accident occurred at approximately 1:58 p.m. Sunday afternoon on Alabama Highway 189 near the five-mile marker in the Perry's Store community [about five miles east of the Opp city limits]. A 2021 Jeep Compass, driven by Michael R. Lantrip, age 61, of Covington, Ga., reportedly crashed into an attachment of a 2012 John Deere tractor being driven by James R. Waite Jr., age 51, of Andalusia, Ala.

The child killed in the wreck was a passenger in the Jeep. It was reported by other news sources that the young child was 5-years-old, however, that information was not released by ALEA officials. This child was pronounced dead at the scene.

Lantrip and three other passengers in the Jeep, including a teenager, were injured and transported to area hospitals for treatment. It is believed some of those injuries were serious too.

No further details were released by the ALEA Highway Patrol Division.



It was a beautiful morning Friday, May 13, as several Elba Nursing Home residents enjoyed a fishing trip to the Coffee County Lake as part of National Nursing Home Week. The residents were joined by staff and volunteers of the Elba Nursing and Rehab Center, and they all enjoyed the trip creating connections with one another.

For Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center residents

Fishing trip highlights National Nursing Home Week

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center celebrated National Nursing Home Week, May 8-14, 2022, and a highlight of the week was when some residents traveled to the Coffee County Lake to go fishing!

The week of celebration began with Elba Mayor Tom Maddox proclaiming May 8-14 as National Nursing Home Week in Elba, and a balloon launch was also held.

"The citizens of Elba now residing in nursing homes have contributed immeasurably to the heritage, success, and growth of our community," Maddox said. "Nursing home residents of any age or ability are themselves living history and a precious resource."

The theme for National Skilled Nursing Care Week was "Creating and Nurturing Connections" and that was evident last Friday morning through the smiles and laughter heard from

residents and the employees/volunteers enjoying the fishing trip together.

While the fish may not have been biting as well as all would have liked, there was still lots of fun being had by all, and the weather was gorgeous for the annual outing to the Coffee County Lake.

More photos from the fishing trip can be found on Page 5A of today's paper.

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QUEENS FROM COFFEE COUNTY AND NEW BROCKTON participated in the official ribbon cutting for the Ben E. Keith Foods Southeast Distribution Center on Tuesday, May 17, of this week. This ribbon cutting was part of the company's official grand opening of the facility located in Coffee County, Alabama. The queens pictured above include: (front, left to right) Little Miss Coffee County Brooke Meredith, Future Little Miss Coffee County Collins Hall, Tiny Miss New Brockton Adalynn Bryant [assisting Scott Davison, general manager of Ben E. Keith Southeast with cutting the ribbon], Future Little Miss New Brockton Ada Donaldson, Little Miss New Brockton Kyleigh Greenwell, Petite Miss New Brockton Josie Martin; (back, left to right) Miss Coffee County Emily Turner, Teen Miss Coffee County Hanna Hutchison, Junior Miss Coffee County Halli McCoy, Young Miss New Brockton Olivia Eddins, Toddler Miss New Brockton Bayla Reeves, Teen Miss New Brockton Adalynne Adkinson, Miss New Brockton Taylor Williams, and Junior Miss New Brockton Jacey Boland.

Ben E. Keith Foods Southeast holds 'grand opening'

Celebration day arrived Tuesday, May 17, for Ben E. Keith Foods Southeast as a "Grand Opening Ceremony" was held for the company's newly constructed distribution center in Coffee County, Alabama. Construction of the 421,000-square-foot distribution center began in 2020. Hundreds attended the ceremony held at the new facility, and they heard rejoicing remarks from

Scott Davison, general manager of Ben E. Keith Southeast, and Mike Sweet, president of Ben E. Keith Foods. Also, Coffee County leaders were on hand to offer their own celebration in seeing this project completed, and the distribution center operational bringing hundreds of jobs to the local area.

Following a ribbon cutting ceremony, those in attendance were invited to enjoy lunch provided by Ben E. Keith Foods. Later, they could take self-guided facility tours.

Ben E. Keith Foods still operates its Kelley Foods manufacturing facility in Elba along with this new distribution center near New Brockton in Coffee County.

The first orders from the new foodservice distribution facility were shipped on January 10, 2022. Ben E. Keith Southeast services Eastern Mississippi, Western Georgia, the Florida Panhandle, and all of Alabama.

"We are so proud to be shipping out of our new distribution center in lower Alabama," said Sweet. "Although 2021 was an unprecedented year for the



Mike Sweet, president of Ben E. Keith Foods, is shown speaking Tuesday, May 17, during Grand Opening Ceremony of the Ben E. Keith Southeast Division Distribution Center.

foodservice community, we never paused construction knowing this center would need to be ready as the country began to recover."

Sweet added that the new facility helps Ben E. Keith continue to improve its ability to serve customers throughout the market area. The local facility has added more than 80 jobs to over the past 12 months with plans to add even more in the future.

Upcoming Coffee County Extension Programs

LIVESTOCK JUDGING WORKSHOP...will be held Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Coffee County Farm Center, 1055 E McKinnon St., New Brockton, Ala. Lunch will be provided. RSVP for lunch by calling (334) 894-5596.

BASICS OF VEGETABLE GARDENING WORKSHOP...will be held Tuesday, May 24, from 6-7 p.m. at the ESCC Student Center - Community Room. Cost to participate is \$5. Call (334) 894-5596 for more information.

HOW TO START A FARM WORKSHOP...will be held from the ESCC Multipurpose Room on Wednesday, May 25, at 5:30 p.m. This workshop covers the fundamentals related to starting a farm. Topics will include lending options, livestock requirements, required documentation, and resources for farming. This is a free event with a sponsored meal. Call (334) 894-5596 for more information.

RECREATIONAL POND MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP...will be held Friday, May 27, at the National Security Farm and Pond, located on County Rd. 404, Elba, Ala. Topics covered will include managing ponds for good fishing, aquatic plant control and nuisance wildlife management. Lunch will be provided. Registration fee is \$10. Pre-registration required by calling (334) 693-3800.



ELBA POST OFFICE CUSTOMERS RESPONDED with enthusiasm last week when they left food bags at their mailbox for mail carriers to collect and deliver to the Elba Food Bank. Above postal employees Tim Bass and Christy Kidd stand with the collection and express their humble appreciation on behalf of those who receive food at the Food Bank.

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- Member of the Enterprise Rescue Squad since 1988
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- Retired in 2015 at the rank of Lieutenant from the Enterprise Fire Department after 27 years and 3 months of service

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SENATOR JIMMY HOLLEY (seated) had some special guests in attendance for his last day "in regular session" as an Alabama Legislator last month. The last day of the Alabama Legislative Regular Session for 2022 was also Senator Holley's last day in regular session due to his retirement from politics after a 40-plus year career serving in the state legislature as first a representative and later senator. On this day, Senator Holley's siblings - JoAnn Driggers, Janice Strickland, and Joey Holley - joined him in Montgomery to share in the milestone moment for the Holley family. At the end of his current term in office, Holley will retire to his home in Elba, Ala.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama's Be Healthy School Grant Program is awarding \$291,000 in grants to 31 schools statewide enrolling students in grades K through eighth for the 2022-2023 school year. The grants are for the implementation of school-based health and wellness programs, emphasizing increased exercise and nutrition education during the school year. Almost 16,000 students will benefit from this year's grant distribution. Each school is receiving a grant up to \$10,000. Coffee County schools getting these awards are Coppinville Junior High and Dauphin Junior High, both in Enterprise.

Brain stimulation can influence parts of our brain that drive our morale and cognition (they say). We can become more righteous, more intelligent, more self-controlled, more positive, more caring, and even more transcendent if we adjust our so-called "virtues dashboard." Use the word "Neuromodulation" if you want to research this technology (or sign up for a brain chip). You can either get your brain plugged to scientists' equipment ten minutes a day or get a chip implanted in your head. It involves "lateralization of the brain" – whatever that is. Envision a zero-turn lawnmower -push one lever forward an another backward. It changes the actions of different wheels and thus the direction of the mower – or in our case the actions of the brain. The real danger is the bad guys can also use this equipment to manipulate our brain and/or actions. This is not Buck Rogers movie stuff . . . neuroscientists are already doing experiments with this technology to measure our moral code.

Next Tuesday Alabama voters go to the polls to help the two major political parties in the state anoint their favorite candidate for the General Election in November. There is a bunch of them who feel their ideas are best for Alabama. The Democrat party has six folks offering to serve as Governor, while the Republicans have listed nine candidates, including the incumbent Kay Ivey. Folks that offers us 16 candidates to choose from, just from the two major political parties in the state. In November there are usually representatives from a couple of smaller parties and maybe an independent, so there should be someone to please every Alabama voter. . . at least in the Governor's race.

Two other races have attracted lively politics. Both the U. S. Senate race statewide and the Alabama Senate race have gotten heated at times. There are nine candidates for the U. S. Senate race, three Democrats and six Republicans. However, it is the Republican group that is spending the big bucks. The top three names in that race can get an argument started if someone just mentions their name.

The State Senate race has five candidates . . . three Republicans and two Democrats. Again, the noise is coming from the Republicans, with absolutely nothing from the two Democrats.

Coffee County Republican voters need to pay special attention to the race for Sheriff and Coroner. There are two candidates in each of those races, including the incumbents.

There is one amendment on the ballot. A proposal for a bond issue to make improvements in the state parks. A previous bond issue for this was paid off a couple of years ago and the state is proposing additional improvements for our tourist trade. Governor Ivey has issued a couple of public appeals for the approval of this amendment.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters!

Several members of Elba's Class of '67 gather for breakfast

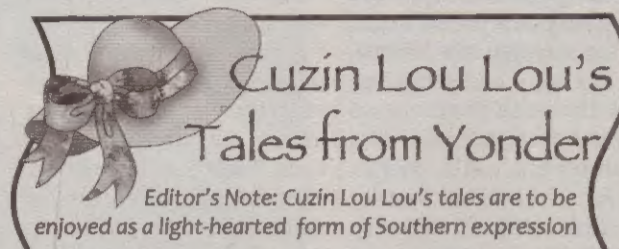
Some members of the Elba High School Class of 1967 liked a tradition started last year by the Class of 1966 so much that they too have decided to gather routinely for breakfast and "catch up" with one another.

Last Wednesday morning, May 11, the 1967 graduates from Elba gathered at Juliette's Restaurant in Elba for their first breakfast meeting. There were nine male class members in attendance, and they enjoyed telling stories and reminiscing. Of course, they also enjoyed filling up on a hearty breakfast!

The class members decided they will do it again on Wednesday, July 13, and hope even more class member will join them.



Elba High School Class of 1967 members that gathered last Wednesday morning, May 11, for breakfast at Juliette's Restaurant were (from left around the table to right): Hayward Boutwell, Ronnie Nicholson, Al English, Roy Farris, Mike Williams, John Lawless, Kenneth Farris, Randle Hodge, and Tony Fuller.



Cuzin Lou Lou decided she was trying to see just how far she could push her 'ole body last weekend when she jammed packed her weekend with 'things to do' on top of trying to meet a major deadline at work!

Sister...in normal Sister fashion...showed no sympathy for Lou Lou any time she mentioned being tired. Instead, her response' every single time was, "Well, you did it to yourself!"

The activity's included helping with a 'haunting' birthday party on Friday, the 13th, early morning pruning of bushes with Papa at one of his sibling's home, a church BBQ, and a graduation dinner – all on Saturday; and then church and helping to host another graduation party on Sunday.

"What in the name of Yonder" was Lou Lou thinking?!?! That's a busy, tiring weekend!

Looking back, it was all worth the effort, but it took Lou Lou more than a day or two to completely recover. She will never actually admit it, but said body was probably trying to tell her she is not 'a kid anymore'...again, Lou Lou denies that at all costs!

Probably the hardest part of the weekend activities was the "bush pruning work" Papa requested Lou Lou's help with on Saturday morning. Now, that was WORK!

Papa had warned Lou Lou there was lots to be

done to get everything pruned, and he was not lying! They arrived around 7 a.m. to begin that work, and by 9:30 had a trailer full of limb/flower bushes that had been cut away.

They were both tired, and it was beginning to get a little too hot to continue. So, the rest of the pruning work was left for another day, but they did manage to get quite a bit of it handled Saturday morning. It also helped that Lou Lou employed the services of an eager 11-year-old trying to earn some cash to buy a "toy" he wants. His parents believe in him learning the value of earning your things, and Lou Lou was happy to help with that... not to mention, it helped her tremendously with the picking up of the cut away limbs and placing them in the trailer for hauling away.

Again, bush/flower trimming is W.O.R.K. You may ask, where was Sister during this yard work?...At home "resting" with Little Bean! Apparently, Papa knows better than to ask his baby daughter to help with manual labor, and Lou Lou gets the short end of the stick on that one. Maybe he is just "afraid" to ask her...that would be fitting too!

Regardless, the work got done, all the events were a success, and Lou Lou still managed to meet her major work deadline! She is still not sure how she pulled it all off, but it worked out beautifully. This week, she has been taking herself home at night, propping those feet and legs up, and RESTING because guess what...she has another busy weekend planned again this week! Oh boy... she can just hear Sister now!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!!

Graduation Dates and Times for Elba City Schools:

Friday, May 20

Kindergarten Graduation at 9 a.m.

6th Grade Graduation at 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 22

Baccalaureate Service for Elba High Grads

Tuesday, May 24

Elba High School Graduation at 7 p.m.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, May 10, 2022, and Monday, May 16, 2022, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, May 10 – Trespassing reported at 979 County Rd 239 (10:27 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Hwy 166 (12:26 p.m.); Civil complaint reported on Simmons St (1:05 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 595 Collier St (1:14 p.m.); Identity theft reported at 242 Dr Roberts Dr (2:25 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1223 Ann St (6:17 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1272 Ann St (6:35 p.m.). Fifteen traffic stops resulted in six citations, three written warnings, and six verbal warnings.

Wednesday, May 11 – Suspicious person reported at 312 Claxton Ave N (12:27 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1620 Boswell St (6:50 a.m.); Theft of services reported at 891 Old Samson Rd (8:05 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1223 Ann St (2:40 p.m.); Sexual assault/rape reported to Elba Police (4:18 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 N (7:32 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1584 Caroline St (8:22 p.m.). Thirteen traffic stops resulted in six verbal warnings, four written warnings, and three citations.

Thursday, May 12 – Animal complaint reported at 529 Claxton Ave N (9:04 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2426 County Rd 377 (11:17 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 482 Claxton Ave N (12:34 p.m.); Theft

of services reported at 412 Claxton Ave N (1:42 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 509 Claxton Ave N – warning issued (5:39 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 119 Old Samson Rd (8:57 p.m.). Fourteen traffic stops resulted in five verbal warnings, seven citations, one written warning, and one arrest.

Friday, May 13 – No Daily Activity Report Received.

Saturday, May 14 – Disturbance reported at 232 Dr Roberts Dr (12:23 a.m.); Assault reported to Elba Police (8:40 a.m.); Drug activity reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (11:53 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1649 Boswell St (12:20 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 804 Hwy 203 (2:44 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 1697 Lower Curtis Rd (7:57 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Champ McCollough Dr (8:13 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Taylor Mill Dirt Rd (9:55 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (10:11 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 529 Claxton Ave N – an arrest was made (11:19 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one citation, and two verbal warnings.

Sunday, May 15 – Domestic complaint reported at 209 Adkinson Ave (1:17 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1237 Jones Circle (3:36 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Moore Ave (10:57 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two citations, and one written warning.

Monday, May 16 – No Daily Activity Report Received.

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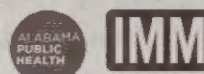
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CHURCH & OTHER NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Kit Johnson, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Elba

Influence Beyond the Home

Each of us have learned valuable life lessons, but wisdom is not acquired by the same means each time. Some of what we know was taught by another; other things were attained having graduated from the school of hard knocks. I am sure you have heard a parent, teacher, coach, mentor, etc. say, "Listen to me; I don't want you to learn the hard way." Aren't we grateful for those who took part in our becoming who we are today? We each have a realm of influence and a responsibility to those within that realm to take advantage of the teachable moments in effort to set others up for future success.

Before moving further, allow me to define two terms. The first is "influence." Oxford dictionary defines influence as "the capacity to have an effect on the character, development, or behavior of someone or something." For the purpose of this article, influence and mandate are not synonymous. Influencing allows the other person to make their own decision while ultimatums or mandates make that decision for them. Matthew 5:16, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Because of the influence here, others make their own decision about glorifying God.

Secondly, I want to define "realm," specifically "realm of influence." Oxford dictionary defines such as a "field or area in which an individual or organization has power to affect events and developments although it has no formal authority." We do not always have control over who is in this realm as we never know who is watching or looking to us for direction. We do recognize part of the group. Parents have their children (as do grandparents and other family members), teachers have students, coaches have players, and so on. I think of these influencers as agents of change. Prayerfully, each one strives to be a godly influence promoting positive change. "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." (Colossians 3:16-17)

Now what do we do with this? First, let me say that the influence we have as Christians and then on to whatever subset in which you belong does not expire. We are to continue to live the example of Christ and teach the words of Christ among all those we encounter. To be more specific, many parents, family members, teachers, ministers, etc. reading this have had years to invest in the lives of the soon to be graduates, soon to be "out of the nest", soon to be working, and/or soon to be married loved ones. Their transition in life does not strip you of your influence. Continue to have an active role in their life. Ask questions. Show you care. Is your family attending church? You cannot make them be in the word, but you can ask what they have read lately or if they have found a new church home. A softer approach is better than a hands-off approach. Just think, the world will not stop having a worldly influence; therefore, you mustn't stop being a godly influence. "And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to all who are to come." Psalm 71:18

In Christ,
Kit Johnson

Reception in honor of Dr. John Granger set for May 29 at CCBA

The Coffee Baptist Association will host a reception [with building naming] Sunday, May 29, honoring Dr. John Granger for his 30 years of service in Coffee County. This event will be at 2 p.m. at the Coffee Baptist Association office, located at 603 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton.

As infant formula shortage continues

Alabama pediatricians advise against diluting infant formula

News reports about the current shortage of infant formula facing families across the nation and in Alabama, due to supply chain issues and a recall of products by one of the largest producers of infant formula in the United States.

"Although the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) does not have hard data on the extent of the shortage in Alabama, it is our understanding that the issue is related to several factors," said Wes Stubblefield, MD, MPH, FAAP, ADPH District Medical Officer. "Due to supply chain issues and labor shortages, manufacturers were already experiencing strained production. With the recall of some of the formula from Abbott (Similac), the strain worsened, and shortages started to appear."

In general, infant formula can be found at retailers across the state. This might include small stores, larger chain stores, grocery stores, pharmacies, convenience stores and others. Medical provider offices may have samples that they can distribute, and local community food banks are another potential infant formula resource for those in need.

The Women, Infants, and Children program (WIC) offices at the county health departments, however, do not store stock of routine infant formula nor does ADPH regulate the distribution or store supplies of formula.

Although both ADPH and the Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AL-AAP)

strongly encourage breastfeeding, there can be barriers to successful breastfeeding and many women must rely on formula.

Katrina Skinner, MD, FAAP, AL-AAP president, advises families who rely on formula **not to dilute it with extra water**, which can result in dehydration, weight loss and seizures. She also said families shouldn't make their own formula, use cow's milk or give babies plant-based milk because those options aren't nutritionally sufficient. Parents of babies with allergies and sensitivities that require them to use a specific formula should call their doctors for advice.

Dr. Skinner said donor milk is safe so long as standard guidelines are used. She recommends that parents use donor milk banks, where the milk is screened to make sure it is okay for consumption.

"Families should discuss safe alternatives with their health care provider," echoed Dr. Stubblefield. "Families should also use caution when purchasing formula from internet sellers outside of well-known distributors. Purchasing formula from overseas can be dangerous as these formulas are not regulated by the FDA."

Dr. Skinner said her office

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Round and About With Eria's Daughter 897-3611



Scripture: God the Refuge of His people and conqueror of the nations. Psalm 46: 1-11

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

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Beyonce Gray 5/16
Helen Thigpen 5/18
Willie Calvin Tillis Jr. 5/18
Adeana Gray 5/19
Barbara Henderson 5/20
Ashley Cooks 5/22
Teresa Daniels Hutchinson 5/22 (in memory)
Sharyon Fitch 5/24
Sharon Wright 5/24

The Trip of a Lifetime

Jules Verne gained fame in 1873 with his novel "Around the World in Eighty Days". The main character is Phileas Fogg, a British bachelor whose life is governed by an obsession for precision. The stuffy, meticulous gentleman wagers that he can travel around the world in exactly 80 days.

His friends delay him, and he is despondent in his belief that he is arriving home a day late. Yet despite his perfectionism, he had forgotten that he had crossed the international dateline. He had succeeded in his quest after all!

Many of us imagine a "trip of a lifetime" we'd like to take. It might be an African safari, a motorcycle trip to Alaska, or a visit to every state in America. The wise men probably had not been sitting around dreaming of a quest when

one said, "Hey, guys, let's go check out Jerusalem and see if a new king has been born!" No, it was a celestial sign that impelled them on their journey, pulling them westward. If you think about it, their trip of a lifetime can be ours as well: every time we come to worship Jesus, we are taking just such a trip. — C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 5/19/2022
Multiple Choice

Q: The names of Nehemiah's opponents were what? — Pick 3 (Artaxerxes, Geshen, Tobiah, Jezebel, Sanballat, A: Geshen, Sanballat, Tobiah [Nehemiah 2:19])

Q: To get bread, the Judeans had submitted to what people? — Pick 2 (Assyrians, Greeks, Egyptians, Persians)
A: Assyrians, Egyptians [Lamentations 5:6]

Thought to Remember

Many books keep you informed but only the Bible can transform; Hope in the heart, pus a smile on the face

Questions for the Week of 5/26/22

Multiple Choice

Q: The people of Israel needed a new what? — Pick 2 (attitude, heart, command, spirit)

Q: Isaiah prophesied that the blind would see out of what? (darkness, light, glass)

Q: What two words did Paul use to describe Abraham's circumcision? (seal, pain, regret, sign, mark)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Thanking Dr. John Granger

Since the year 2000, Coffee Baptist Association has been instrumental in starting several churches. Three of them are in the orbit of CCBA. Others are not in our association, but fill some need or niche. For example, the Church of All Nations was begun by the First Korean Baptist Church of Enterprise. Their leadership became aware that there were Chinese and other Asian students at Troy University. Requesting association assistance through Dr. John, they started a ministry at their church to the students. Within three months, they baptized six Chinese students. After a few years, this group moved to Troy to better serve students.

In 2001, Bro. Arthur Emfinger and Dr. Granger secured association support to begin Faith Community Church. It started in a tent. Soon there was a mobile chapel in the mobile home park. This work has been blessed with so many volunteers and has ministered to lots of people. For a few years during Bro. Emfinger's tenure, it was noted as leading the entire state in the ratio of members to baptisms. It still is a vibrant ministry point, primarily serving Spanish speakers.

Rev. Harold Rogers wanted to begin a congregation named Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church. Dr. John brought together Rev. Dr. Lance Hogan and First Baptist Church with Rev. Rogers. Lighthouse Church has received their support and essentially is geared to black congregants.

For many years, association leadership had hoped one of our churches would begin a church on Boll Weevil Circle. Finally, the Missions Development Committee asked the Executive Committee to have the Association Missionary pull together a nucleus for this church. He was to do it being careful not to pull members from existing churches and do it without financial backing. The new group had to meet early so Dr. John could still preach in other churches. They met at Dr. John's office in New Brockton.

Ken Farris volunteered to help. About 20 people joined within a year. Then, according to plan, Dr. John handed off the church to a mission pastor. He did this three times. Once only two people remained when it came back to him: Charles Hendrix and Suzanne Seaton. After several years, he became pastor. The church is doing well. They have three volunteer associate pastors: Fred Fowler, Duane Delmain, and Brad Boykin. They are blessed with a tremendous music team led by John Granger Jr. and Francine Jones. They are an active, friendly, ministering congregation.

During the same period of time, Dr. Granger has helped several weak or hurting churches to be encouraged and find new vision. Sometimes that means giving primary leadership for a few months and at other times, simply guiding them in the selection process for a new pastor.

One of these churches had already voted to close the doors. Dr. Granger came to be with them for a few months. They secured a new pastor. Within a year, they were averaging 50 people on Sunday, had bought land next to theirs, and had built a new addition to their buildings.

In 2004, Dr. John began meeting with the other association missionaries in Southeast Alabama and with a State Board of Missions representative. Census data and observation revealed that there was a tremendous need for a concerted and focused ministry and evangelism effort toward a growing Hispanic population. The coalition formally began Hispanic ministry in 2005.

Rev. John Gunter had been an IMB missionary in the Dominican Republic. He soon made the commitment to be the regional hispanic missionary. His salary is underwritten by the seven associations in Southeast Alabama and by the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions. His basic work is to lead Hispanic ministry here and to engage the churches to be involved in doing the same thing. John and other volunteers who serve along with him minister in countless ways. They help folk come to faith in Christ and they help them to grow in their faith. He has been a tremendous asset to the Hispanic community and to our work.

John also leads mission trips to the Dominican Republic, other island countries, and to Central American locations. Any of our people are invited to go. They have to pay their own way. Bro. John's connections make for meaningful mission trips.

Coffee County Baptist Association Personnel Committee

Dr. Sam Self, Chair; Rev. Donnie Marler; Mrs. Kay Roper; Mrs. Sylvia Hughes; Rev. Bruce Williams; Rev. Bryan Simoneaux, Moderator



Local DAV Chapter plans May 26 meet

The May 2022 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, May 26, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Senior Center. The Chapter will be preparing for the election of officers for the upcoming year. All members that can attend, are asked to attend.

For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

DALLAS RODNEY HARBUCK

Mr. Dallas Rodney Harbuck, age 79, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 14, 2022, at New Haven Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Medley officiating. Burial followed in the New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family requested memorials be made to a charity of your choice.

Mr. Harbuck was preceded in death by his daughter, Deanna Marie Harbuck; parents, Minnie Pearl and Grady Harbuck; along with siblings, Sandra Lee Reynolds, Mavis Gibbs, and Aubrey Duene Harbuck. Survivors include his wife: Carol Harbuck, Elba; daughter: Teresa Lynne Reeves, Elba; son: Anthony Lee Harbuck, Elba; brother: William Dorsey Harbuck, Arab, Ala.; along with four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM DONALD MILEY

Mr. William Donald "Don" Miley, age 82, of Jack, Ala., died Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Troy Regional Medical Center in Troy, Ala.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 11 a.m., from Zion Chapel Baptist Church with Mr. Dusty Taylor and Mr. Henry Reynolds officiating. Burial services followed in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Miley was preceded in death by his wife, Diane Miley; sons, Mark Miley, and Royce Miley; granddaughter, Virginia Miley; parents, Robert and Sara Matalene Miley; brothers, Ed & James Miley; sisters, Evelyn Boutwell, and Majorie Williamson. Survivors include a son: Chris (Jennifer) Miley, Brundidge, Ala.; daughter: Dana (Scott) Peckinpugh, Greenwood, Ind.; sister: Margaret Flowers, Troy, Ala.; brother: Ruben Miley, Milton, Fla.; along with nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

ELIZABETH LASHELLE BURLESON

Mrs. Elizabeth LaShelle Burleson, age 58, of Opp, Ala., died Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 16,

2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Phillip Adcock officiating.

LaShelle was preceded in death by her father, Robert Watkins; daughter, Heather Renee Mullins; and a son, Johnathan.

Survivors include her husband: Timothy Allen Burleson, Opp; mother: Lucy Mae Watkins, Elba; daughters: Amber LaShelle Geddings, Kissimmee, Fla., Amanda Nicole Tatem, Surprise, Ariz., Haley Watkins, and Jessica Causey, both of Opp; sons: Robert Daniel Martz, Timothy Wayne Geddings, Opp, and Kevin Wayne Burleson, Prattville, Ala.; sister: Heather Bobo, Enterprise, Ala.; brothers: Michael Railey, Elba, and John Watkins, Cooksville, Tenn.; mother-in-law: Dorothy (JT Price) Burleson, Elba; and eight grandchildren.

MARY OLENE DUNCAN

Mrs. Mary Olene Duncan, age 69, of Cottonwood, Ala., died Friday, May 13, 2022, at Crenshaw Community Hospital in Luverne, Ala.

Graveside services were held Sunday, May 15, 2022, from Providence Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala., directing.

Survivors include her niece: Cynthia Arrington, Cottonwood; daughter: Amanda (Vouris) Stroud; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

MICHAEL EUGENE NELSON

Mr. Michael Eugene Nelson, age 66, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 13, 2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Larry Mills officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Brenda Gail Nelson; and son: Chris Nelson, both of Elba; along with his dog, Prissy.

Don't Forget to Vote!

The 2022 Primary Elections will be Tuesday, May 24, in Alabama.

Polls at the voting precincts in Coffee County will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. next Tuesday.

Results will be delivered that night from the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton, Ala.

**** Editor's Note:** The Elba Clipper will update election results via our website and Facebook page Tuesday night! Website address: www.elba-clipper.com

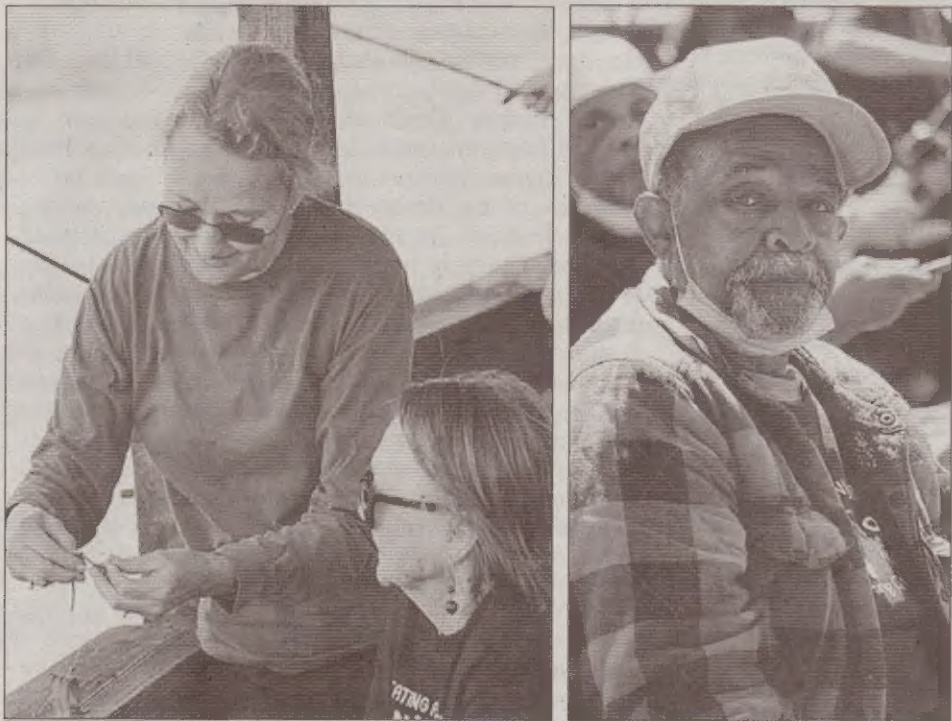


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listed above. Both organizations encourage families to try alternative brands of infant formula (including store brands) if their preferred brand is not available. Other options include switching to a ready-to-feed product or liquid concentrate if powdered formula is unable to be located.

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The absentee voting period for the May 24th Primary Election began March 30, 2022.

Ahead of the May 24th Primary Election, Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill reminds Alabama voters that today (Thursday, May 19) is the last day that voters can apply for an absentee ballot by hand. The deadline for mail-in request has passed. Absentee ballot applications can be downloaded online or requested by visiting the local Absentee Election Manager's office.

Important absentee voting deadlines are listed below:

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- May 19, 2022: The last day that absentee ballot applications can be returned

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH ANTHONY MARTINES, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. PC-2022-025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 28th day of April, 2022, by the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, to Arrian Bowers to serve as Executrix of the Estate of Joseph Anthony Martines, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims in or against the Estate of Joseph Anthony Martines that they shall and will be required to present any and all claims against said Estate to the Clerk of the Court for probate and registration as is required within the time allowed by law, or said claims will be barred.

/s/ Charles H. Ellzey
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5-5,12,19-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOE GLEN LEE, Deceased,

CASE NO: PC-22-028

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 26th day of April, 2022, to Judy L. Hughes as Executrix of the Estate of Joe Glen Lee, deceased, who departed this life on the 22nd day of February, 2022, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/L Merrill Shirley
L. Merrill Shirley
Attorney for the Estate of Joe Glen Lee, Deceased
5-5,12,19-pd

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:

AMBER NACOLE

ARNETTE,

Plaintiff,

VS.

KENNETH

CHRISTOPHER

ARNETTE,

Defendant,

CASE NO: DR-2022-

000004.00

NOTICE TO DIVORCE ACTION

TAKE NOTICE That Defendant KENNETH CHRISTOPHER ARNETTE, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Plaintiff AMBER NACOLE ARNETTE'S Petition for Divorce and other relief by (3 weeks from filing day), or thereafter, a judgement by default may be rendered against him in Case No: DR-2022-000004.00, Circuit Court of Coffee County, Elba Division.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Plaintiff

asked this Court to give notice of divorce action against Defendant.
/s/ Shannon R Clark
JUDGE
5/12,19,26-pd

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MYRTIE M. STRENGTH Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC 2022-033

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION

A Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate of said deceased having been filed by the unsigned on the 12th day of May 2022 before the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 12th day of May 2022.

/s/ Kathy T. Bragg
Petitioner

/s/ Matt Brunson
Attorney for the Petitioner

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IN THE MATTER OF RONALD ALVIN SHIVER Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC 2022-034

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 12th day of May 2022 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 12th day of May 2022.

/s/ Jeremy Cade Shiver and Amber Shiver Colbert
Personal Representatives
5-19,26&6-2-pd

IN THE MATTER OF RUBY JEANETTE HARDY Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC 2022-031

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Billy Hardy on the 10th day of May 2022 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 10th day of May 2022. Billy Hardy
Personal Representative

Matt Brunson
Attorney for the Estate
5-19,26&6-2-pd



SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Now that the school year is quickly winding down and our grandson Lawson won't be such a frequent and welcomed visitor to our house on weekday afternoons, I started to think about all the changes we saw over the past year away from the halls of the Elba Elementary School. Our little man learned how to cook his favorite frozen pizza, discovered ice cream sandwiches, took a bath without any supervision, found out that homework came before video games, and hopefully also found out once again how much he is loved. He may not visit as much during the summer, but I betcha we won't have to bribe him to come over and spend some time with Nanny and Granddaddy.

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tiger golf team made it 'back to back' state golf championships last week up in Huntsville and left no doubt that in the 1A and 2A ranks the Elba Tigers always have honors on the tee. The team won last season when the state tournament was rained out after only nine holes and this season had a target on its back at every event as the defending state champ. The pressure was definitely present at Huntsville when the Tigers owned a slim three shot lead after the first round, but they never backed down and when the last putt fell added another state championship trophy to their collection. This group of golfers grew up playing at the Elba Country Club and enjoyed the sport as a hobby, but Elba High golf coach Mark Wicker put together a plan two years ago to put more emphasis on the sport, put in a practice schedule during the week that would not interfere with the baseball schedule, and began to push the golfers to improve and be a team that could compete with other schools all across the state. That plan came together last year with the school's first-ever golf championship, and this year it continued and culminated with a second straight state title. There were a lot of very busy days for the golfers that also practiced baseball every afternoon and played almost twenty regular season games. However, this group proved what can be done with pride and determination, and has to go down in the rich history of Elba Tiger athletics as one of the most successful teams ever. Congratulations to Carson, Paxton, Collin, Peyton, Jay and Coach Wicker for writing the next chapter in the Elba Tiger history book!

*** The Brantley Lady Bulldogs are headed back to the state softball tournament after winning the South Region last week at Gulf Shores and the girls from up the road will be looking for their second straight state championship and sixth state championship since 2014. Brantley has been a dominating force in high school sports for many years in all sports, but the softball team has been the benchmark of success of the overall program for almost a decade, and is the team everyone wants to see whenever it competes in a tournament anywhere in the area. It is obvious the roster has changed many times since the Lady Bulldogs first claimed a state title back in 2014. However, as a fan I have noticed many of the faces in the bleachers and even in the dugout have remained the same from year-to-year, and that past players still wear their t-shirts proclaiming themselves Brantley fans to let everyone know why they are there. I bet there will be hundreds of green t-shirts up in Oxford this weekend to cheer on their girls!

*** It was a special day at Elba High one morning last week when four student-athletes signed athletic scholarships that will enable them to continue their athletic careers, and even more important continue their education. Three Tigers signed football scholarships with Bethany College, in West Virginia, while one Lady Tiger signed a basketball scholarship with Enterprise State Community College. To compete at the college level in athletics requires a great deal of sacrifice and I have no doubt this group knows that and is ready to take on life's next challenge.

*** In closing.... I spent last week in Gulf Shores at the South Region softball tournament as the supervisor of umpires and one of the tournament directors, and was amazed at the number of people that made the long trip to the Gulf Coast to support their favorite teams. Despite gas prices at an all-time high and room rates at the beach too expensive for many to afford, the fans came out in droves anyway and let their teams know they had support. Gulf Shores may have made the money last week, but the fans and players made lifelong memories and made it a very special week for me to share with all of them, even if we never made it to the beach and got sand between our toes.

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BRANTLEY LADY BULLDOGS....posted a 3-0 record last week at the South Region to advance to this week's AHSAA State Softball Tournament.

Lady Bulldogs headed back to state

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs kept their state championship hopes alive last week as they rolled to three straight wins to win the South Region tournament, at Gulf Shores, and punched their tickets to this week's state tournament, at Oxford.

The Lady Bulldogs, which upped their record to 32-8 with the wins, opened the eight-team event with a 3-1 win over Kinston, followed it with a hard fought 6-4 win over Sweet Water, and took the title with a 21-0 win over Red Level.

Following are highlights of the three tournament wins:

Brantley 3 Kinston 1

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pushed across three runs in the first inning and made the early lead hold up in a 3-1 opening round win over Kinston.

Campbell Hawthorne and Kayden Dunn drew one-out walks to start the first inning fireworks, while a single by Annah Little loaded the bases. Hawthorne crossed the plate on a passed ball to put Brantley on the scoreboard, and two runners raced home on a Kinston error as the Lady Bulldogs grabbed the early 3-0 lead.

Kinston failed to take advantage of a two-out double by Kelsi Cardwell in the second inning and again stranded a runner on second in the third after a double by Sydney Smith.

Kinston finally got on the

scoreboard in the top of the fifth when Bella Lashley reached on an error after a bunt, raced to third on a second error, and scored on an rbi bunt by Cadence Elmore.

Kinston threatened again in the sixth, but stranded a runner on first after another Brantley error, as Brantley held on to claim the narrow 3-1 win.

AC Free had 2 hits to lead Brantley at the plate, while Annah Little added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Campbell Hawthorne and Aariyah Stamps both scored 1 run. Kaylee Navarre was the winning pitcher as she tossed a complete game five-hitter and allowed no earned runs while striking out twelve.

Kelsi Cardwell had 2 hits to lead Kinston, while Cadence Elmore added 1 hit and 1 rbi, Faith Peters and Sydney Smith both added 1 hit, and Bella Lashley scored 1 run.

Brantley 6 Sweet Water 4

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs rallied from a 4-0 third inning deficit to post a hard fought 6-4 win over Sweet Water, in a semifinal contest.

Brantley could get little going from the bats in the opening three innings, while Sweet Water combined two hits with two errors in the second inning to plate four runs and grabbed a surprising 4-0 lead.

The Lady Bulldogs finally got on the scoreboard

and cut the deficit to 4-1 in the fourth inning when Annah Little reached on a two-out bunt, stole second, went to third on a passed ball, and scored on an rbi single by Kaylee Navarre.

A leadoff single by Alex Grimes ignited the fifth inning fireworks for the Lady Bulldogs as Brantley plated five runs to take a 6-4 lead. A walk to Lindsey Wells after the Grimes single put the Lady Bulldogs in business, while a bunt single by Emma Crawley allowed Grimes to score. Kayden Dunn drew a two-out intentional walk to load the bases, but Wells scored on an error to cut the Sweet Water lead to 4-3, and Kaylee Navarre followed with bases clearing double as the Lady Bulldogs moved on top and held on to claim the win.

Kaylee Navarre had 2 hits and 3 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Emma Crawley added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Annah Little added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; Alex Grimes added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Kayden Dunn and Sheonte Barginere both added 1 hit. Kaylee Navarre was the winning pitcher as she tossed seven innings and allowed no earned runs on six hits, with eleven strikeouts.

Brantley 21 Red Level 0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs put an exclamation mark on their South Region title run with a big 21-0 win over the Red

Level Lady Tigers, in the winner's bracket finals.

A two-run homer run by Kayden Dunn in the top of the first inning put the Lady Bulldogs up 2-0 in the clash with their area rivals, while Brantley broke loose for 11 runs in the second to stretch the lead to 13-0. Lindsey Wells had an rbi on an infield hit and later scored on a wild pitch to ignite the second inning outburst, while Annah Little added a two-run double, Alex Grimes added an rbi single, AC Free added a two-run double and Campbell Hawthorne added a two-run single as the Lady Bulldogs blew the game open.

The Brantley onslaught continued in the third as Alex Grimes added an rbi double, Emma Crawley added an rbi single, Kayden Dunn added a two-run double, and Hope Richardson added an rbi single and later scored on an rbi single by Savannah Nichols as the Lady Bulldogs ended the game in three innings.

Kayden Dunn had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Alex Grimes and AC Free both added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's; Annah Little added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Campbell Hawthorne and Emma Crawley both added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's. Kaylee Navarre was the winning pitcher as she tossed a three-inning shut-out with three strikeouts.

ZC Bass Team's Padgett/Young place fourth in tourney on Lake Eufaula

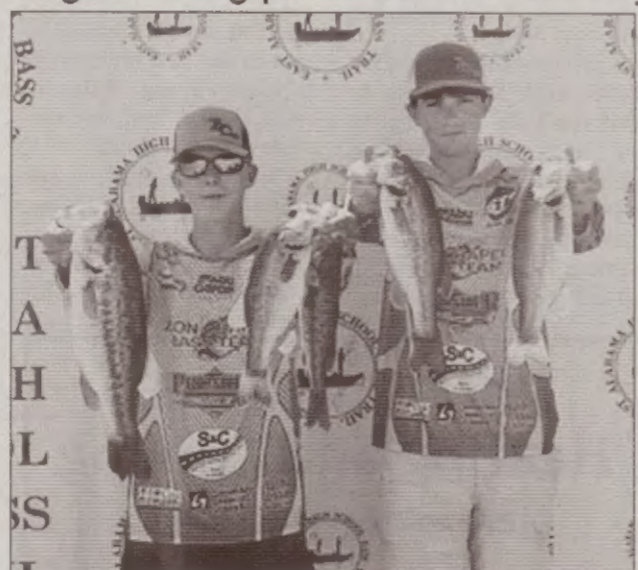
The Zion Chapel Bass Team fished the last tournament on the East Alabama High School Bass Trail Saturday May 7, on beautiful Lake Eufaula. This was the last regular season tournament of the year.

As tournament fishing goes, it was a bad day for some, but a good day for others.

Team Cole McDainel/ Kevin Dowdy hit something in the water and bent their prop and were not able to finish and weigh in; Team Jackson Dowdy/Clayton Phillips did not weigh in. Out of 51 boats registered, Team Avery Padgett/Ethan Young finished fourth place with a limit of five fish weighing 9.15 pounds even though Padgett said it was a stingy lake.

They offer congratulations to the Headland High School for their first, second and third place finishes.

Padgett and Young ended the year in 8th place in the Angler of the Year competition after five top twenty-



Avery Padgett and Ethan Young with their five fish limit that brought them a fourth place tournament finish May 7th on the East Alabama High School Bass Trail. This team from Zion Chapel will be competing in the state championships in June.

five finishes.

Prior to this tournament, Team Padgett/Young qualified for the STATE CHAMPIONSHIP tournament with the Alabama BASS Nation Tiger Trail. BASS Nation is coming south this year for the STATE CHAMPION-

SHIP; this tournament will be a two-day event June 3 and 4 at Lake Eufaula.

The coaches and team members wish their only senior on the team, Cole McDainel, congratulations and good luck in his future endeavors. His wit and skills will be missed.

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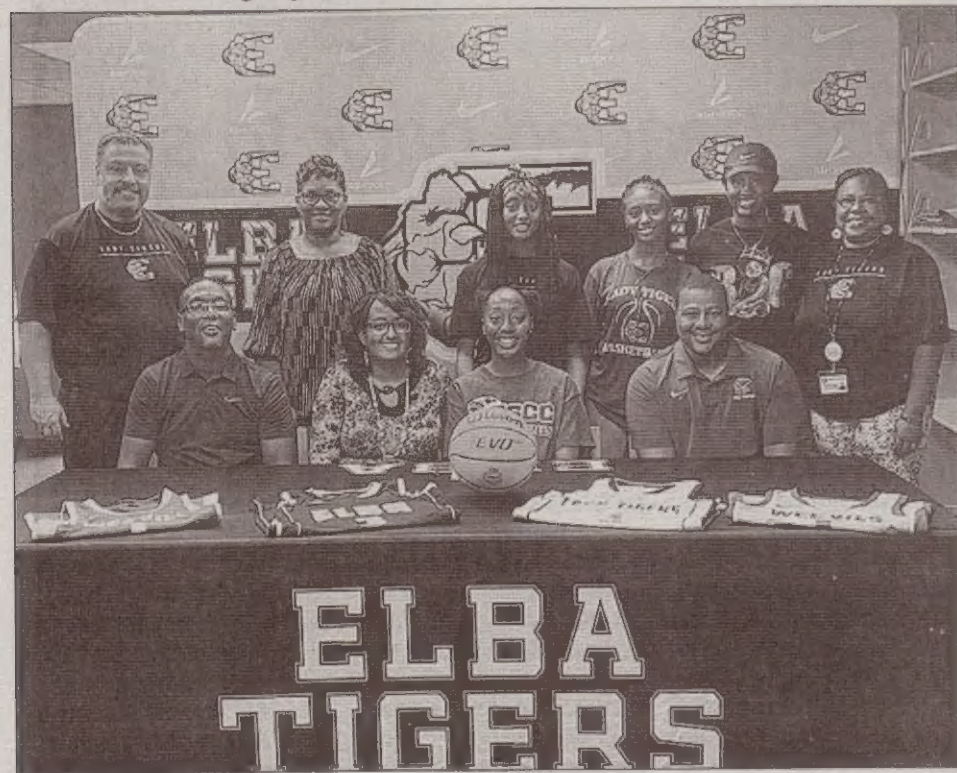
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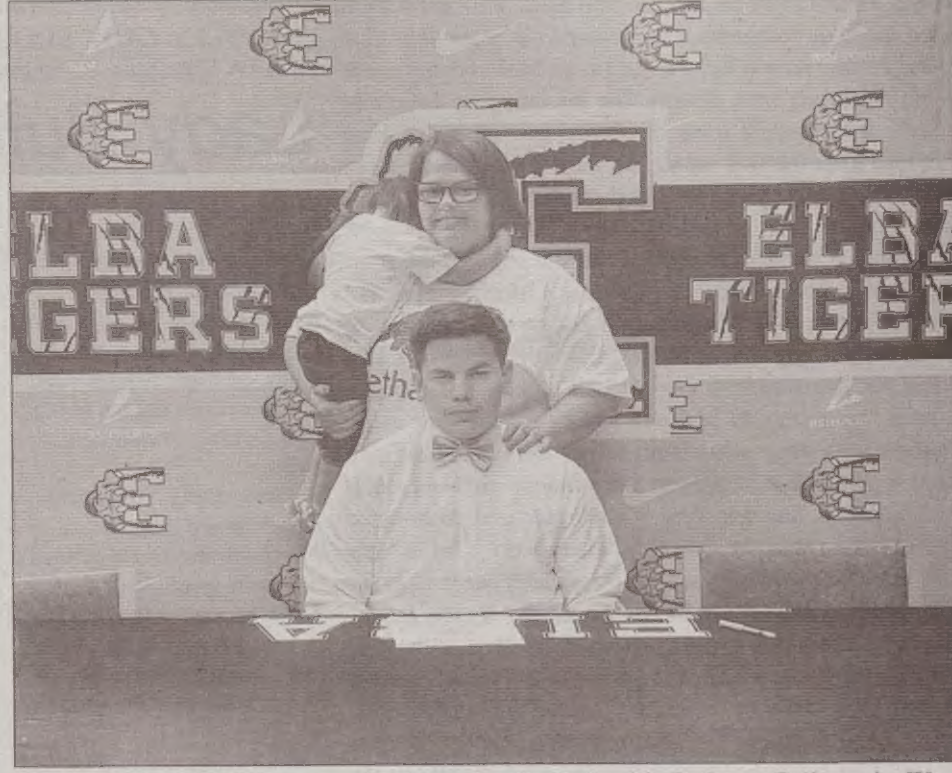
TRENT HAMILTON... is surrounded by friends and family as he inks his name on the dotted line committing to play football with Bethany College, in West Virginia.



DAVID AGOSTO... had his family and friends with him last week as he signed his commitment papers to play football with Bethany College, in West Virginia.



NINA WILLIAMS...was joined by family, friends and coaches last week when she signed a basketball scholarship with Enterprise State.



ELIANDRO GOMEZ...committed to play football with Bethany College, in West Virginia, by signing his paperwork in front of proud family members.

By signing official paperwork last week

Four Elba High School athletes commit to play ball at next level

It was the time for Elba High student-athletes to sign their names on the dotted line last week as three Tigers and one Lady Tiger signed scholarship and/or commitment papers to continue their careers at the next level, in a signing ceremony at the Elba High media center.

Trent Hamilton, David Agosto and Eliandro Gomez all committed to play football with Bethany College, in West Virginia, a NCAA Division III school.

Hamilton, a 5-9, 145 pound, defensive back-wide receiver; Agosto, a 5-11, 223 pound, offensive-defensive lineman; and, Gomez, a 5-9, 210 pound, offensive lineman-linebacker, will all join the Bison in the NCAA Division III Presidents' Athletic Conference.

Elba High football coach and athletic director Marc Sieving said he is super proud of these young men and their desire to continue to play the game they love. He said it would be great for the three to have each

other to lean on at Bethany College for support.

Nina Williams, a four-year starter for the Elba Lady Tigers in basketball, signed with Enterprise State Community College, a member of the Alabama Community College Conference. Williams averaged double figures in scoring for her career with the Lady Tigers, which included a first-ever trip to the AHSAA Final Four. The 5'7" guard-forward, excelled on both ends of the court for the Lady Tigers

and was among the area's top three-point shooters.

Elba Lady Tigers basketball coach Shaun

Hammonds said he was excited for Williams, and he looked forward to watching her play for ESCC.



Kinston places fourth at South Region

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs competed at the South Region softball tournament last week at Gulf Shores and posted two wins in four games to place fourth in the eight-team high school event.

Following are highlights of last week's tournament action:

Brantley 3 Kinston 1

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs out-hit the eventual region champs from Brantley 5-3, but allowed two unearned runs in the opening inning and never caught up in a disappointing 3-1 opening round loss.

Kelsi Cardwell had 2 hits to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Cadence Elmore added 1 hit and 1 rbi, Faith Peters and Sydney Smith both added 1 hit, and Bella Lashley scored 1 run. Lilli Sumblin was the tough luck lose in the circle as she handcuffed Brantley to only one earned run on three hits.

Kinston 17 Bayshore Christian 2

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs used a 10-run second inning to erase an early 2-0 deficit in a 17-2 elimination game victory over Bayshore Christian. Cadence Elmore, Lilli Sumblin, Anna Flowers and Kelsi Cardwell all had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Kinston at the plate, while Faith Peters added 2 hits and scored 1 run, Sydney Smith and Brynne Kelley both added 1 hit and scored 3 runs, Bella Lashley added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and

Lyla Bruce scored 2 runs.

Kinston 8 Millry 6

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs stayed alive in the double-elimination tournament with an exciting 8-6 win over Millry.

Lilli Sumblin and Sydney Smith both had 2 hits to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Cadence Elmore added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Kelsi Cardwell, Faith Peters and Brynne Kelley all added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Sweet Water 6 Kinston 1

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw their season draw to a close with a 6-1 loss to Sweet Water.

The Lady Bulldogs stranded seven runners on base in the first six innings to allow Sweet Water to open up a 6-0 lead, and saw a late rally fall short.

Faith Peters had 3 hits to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Kelsi Cardwell added 2 hits and scored 1 run, and Lilli Sumblin added 2 hits.

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I thank the citizens of Coffee County for supporting me through my four terms as sheriff.

The bonding with the citizens and city, state, and federal law enforcement agencies has enabled the Sheriff's Office to deal with numerous challenges. We have been challenged with devastating natural disasters, a tornado and flood that no one could have imagined. We faced drug problems which in turn caused more crime, such as burglaries and thefts. With the help of my staff and concerned citizens, we have attacked these problems head on. We have modernized the Sheriff's Office with the construction of a new, secure office facility, and an up-to-date records management system.

A great deal of money has been obtained through grants providing our deputies with up-to-date equipment. Most recently, our office was able to obtain a high-tech laser device to identify illegal drugs, providing on scene analysis and eliminating possible exposure to dangerous chemicals.

- We have worked with the Coffee County Board of Education to promote positive relationships with law enforcement and provide a School Resource Officer to all county schools.
- Our deputies receive the best training to ensure our citizens have some of the best equipped and trained officers in the Wiregrass.
- During our time in office, we have established, for the first time, 24-hour patrol coverage allowing greater response time for all citizens.

I plan to go forth in making Coffee County the safest county to the best of my ability.

I will continue to strive to eliminate all forms of illegal drug activity. As to date, my office along with the ALEA Regional Drug Task Force, and the 12th Judicial Drug Task Force have made over 2,000 drug arrests in this county. Because of these drug arrests, crime rates and other offenses have decreased. With the continued support of my constituents, we will move forward our next term.

Dedicated to the mission of providing high-quality, cost-effective and accountable services to all residents of Coffee County, the men and women of the Coffee County Sheriff's Office rise to the ever-changing challenges of today's society. Both our sworn and non-sworn personnel rise to that challenge daily, and truly deserve the title of "Coffee County's Finest!" I am honored and humbled to lead these brave men and women who risk their lives daily to keep Coffee County safe. We all owe each one of them a debt of tremendous gratitude.

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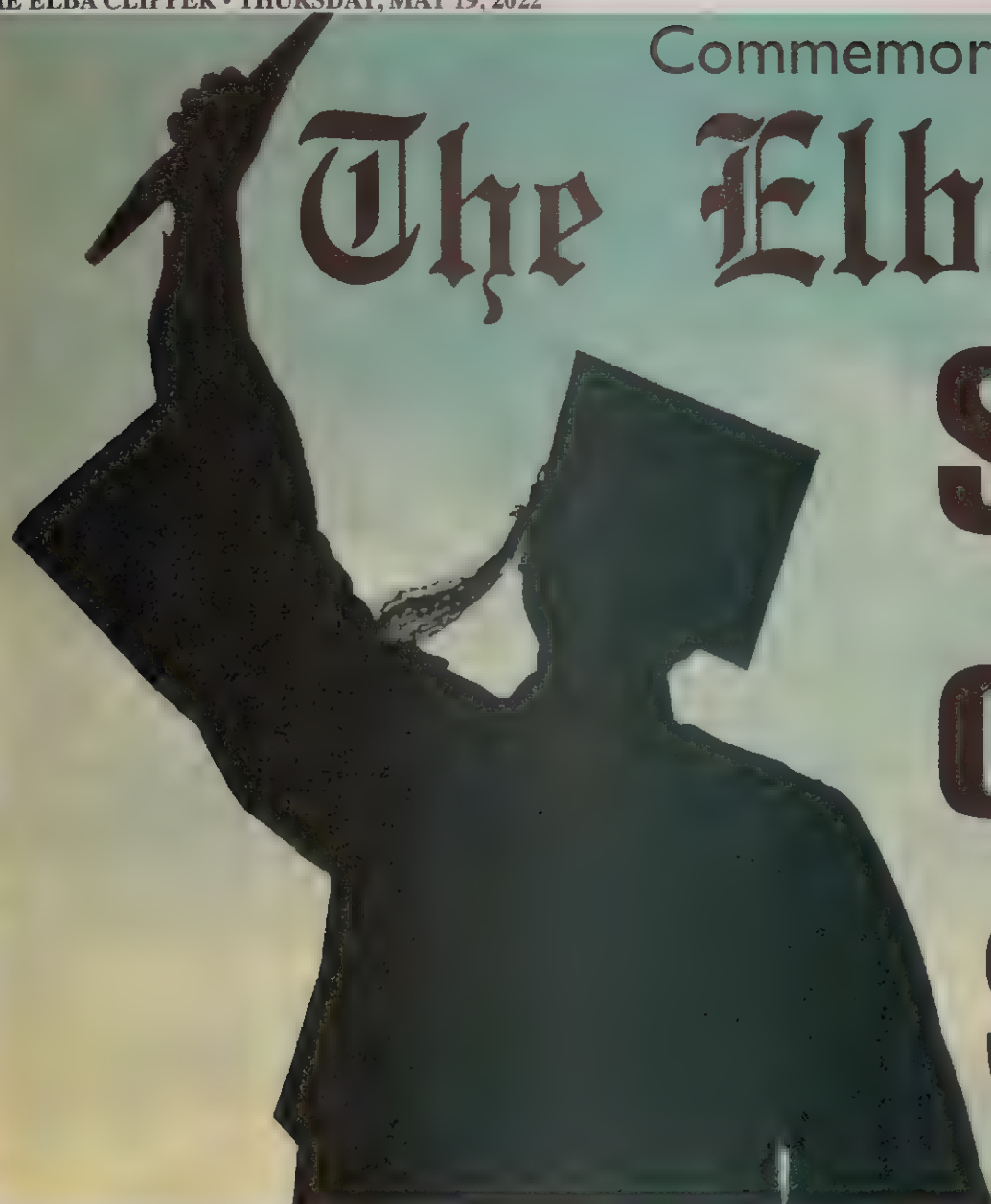
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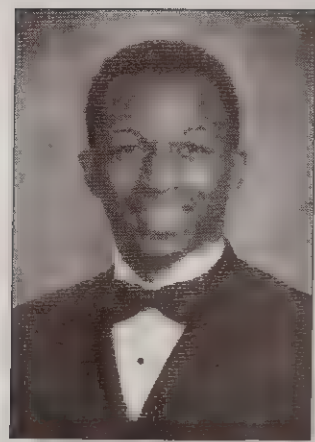
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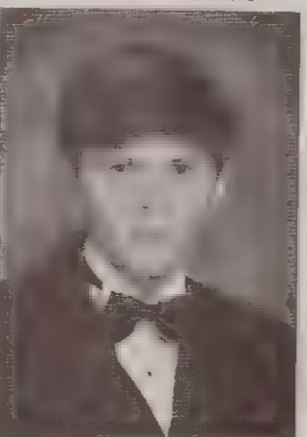
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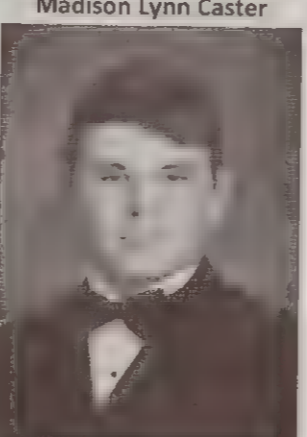
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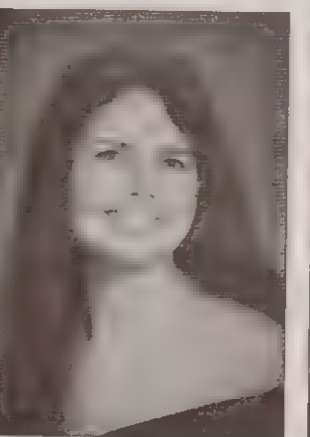
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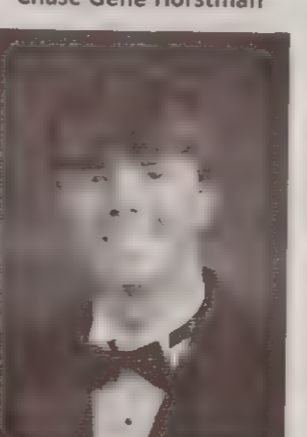
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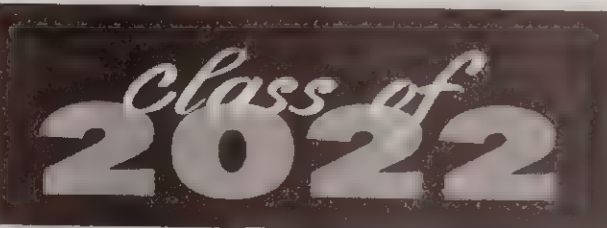
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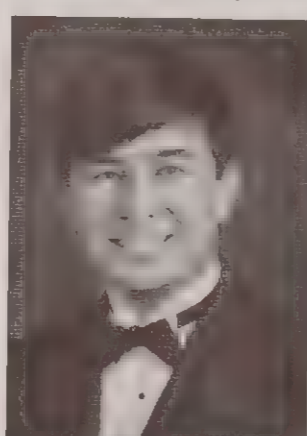
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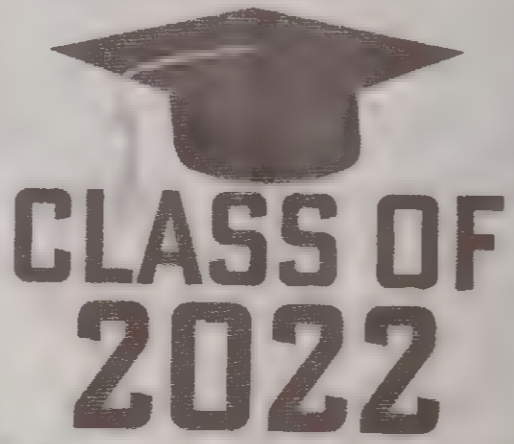
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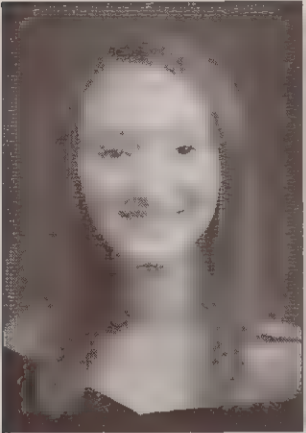


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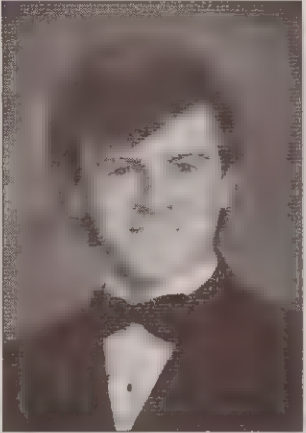
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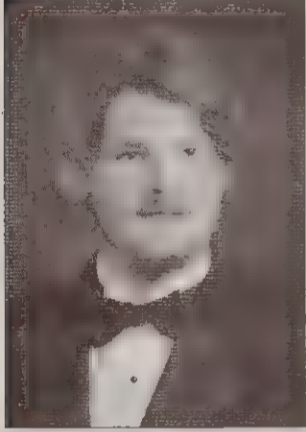
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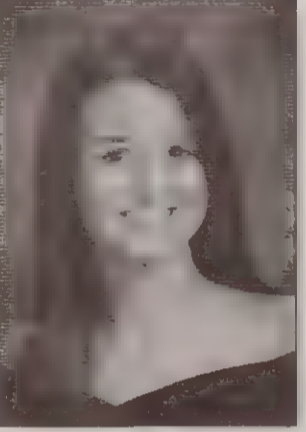
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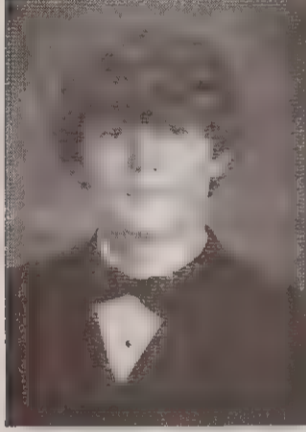
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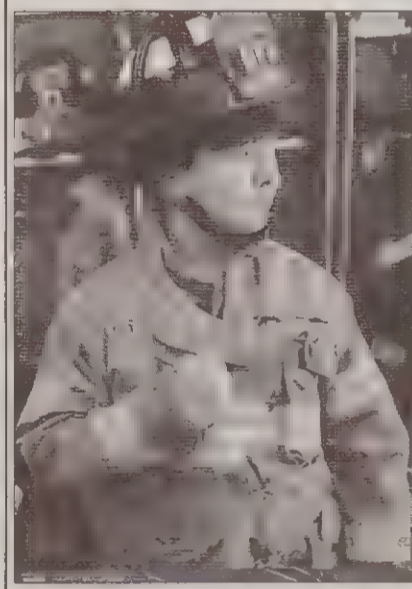
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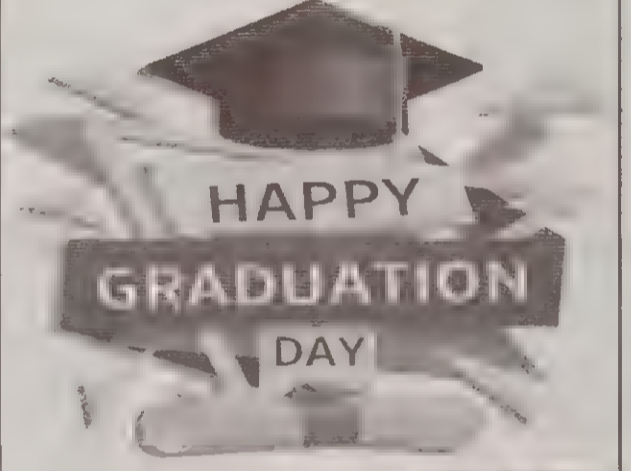
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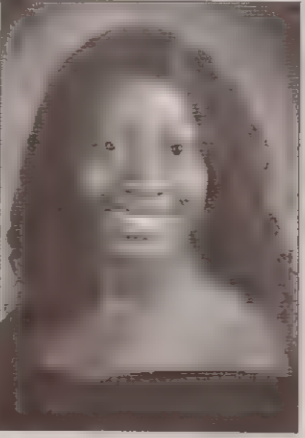
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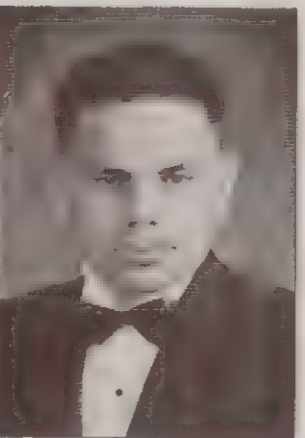
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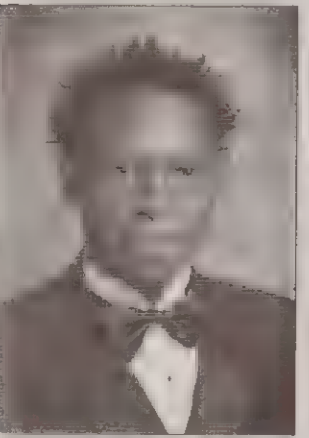
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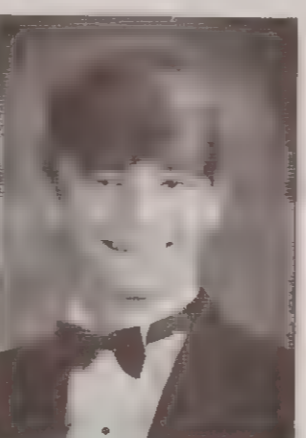
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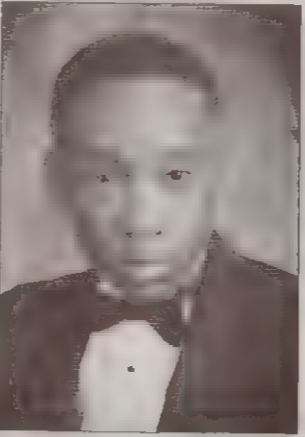
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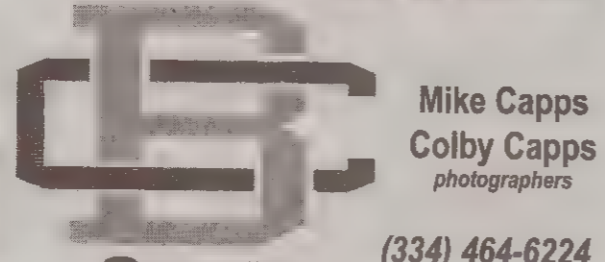


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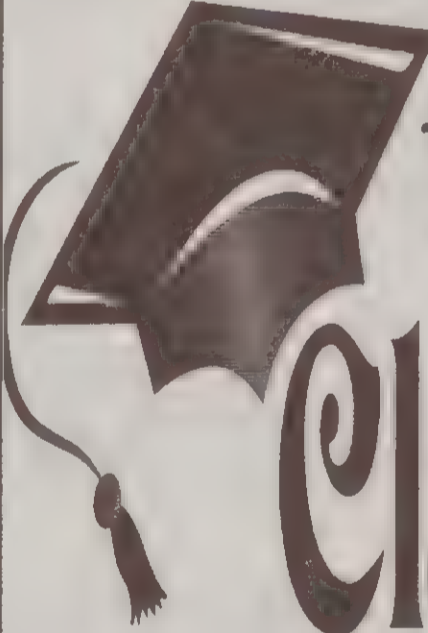
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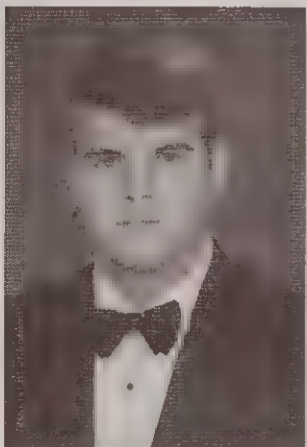
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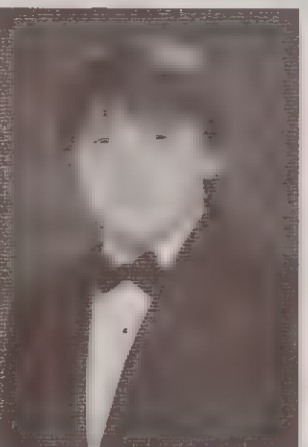
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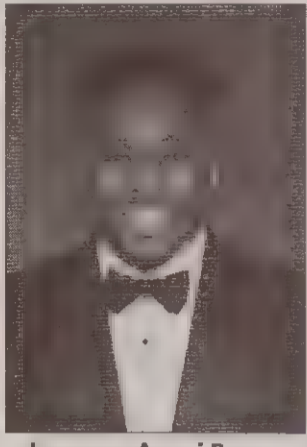
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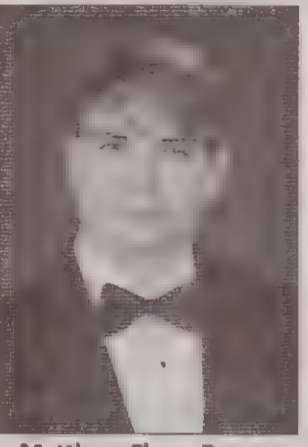
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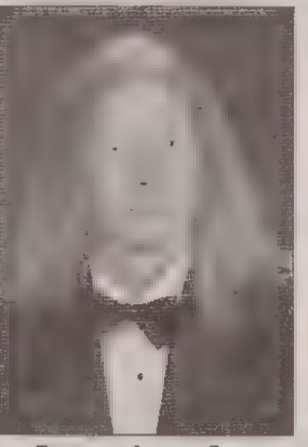
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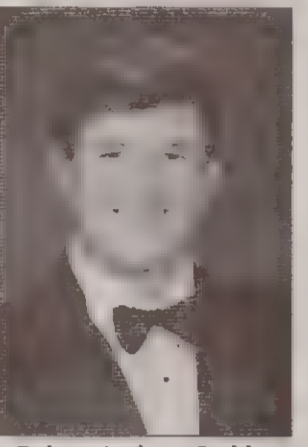
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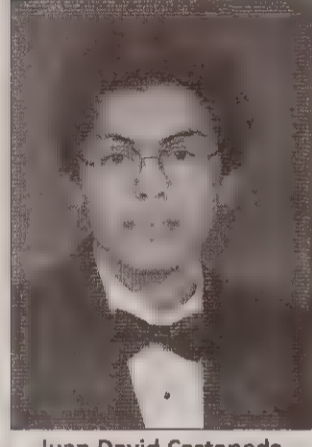
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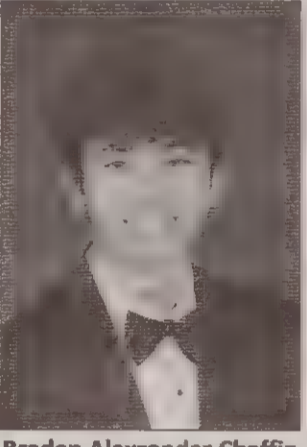
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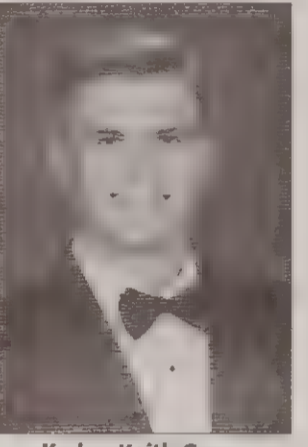
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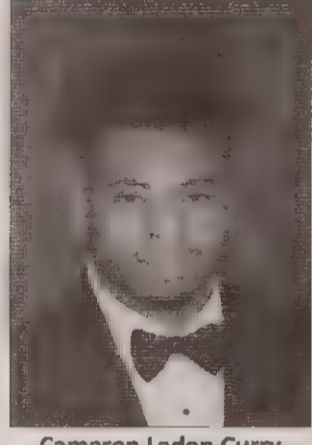
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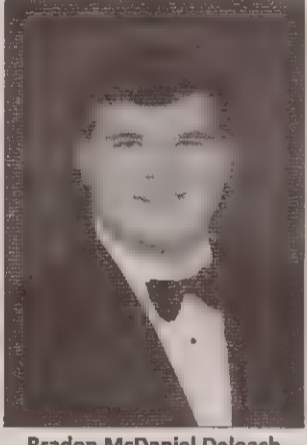
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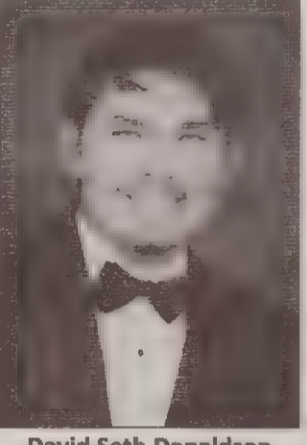
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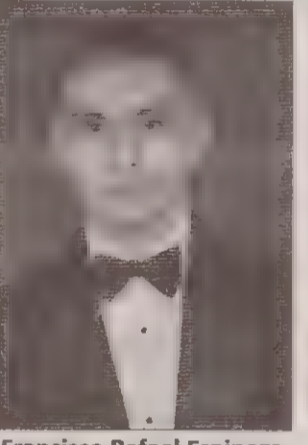
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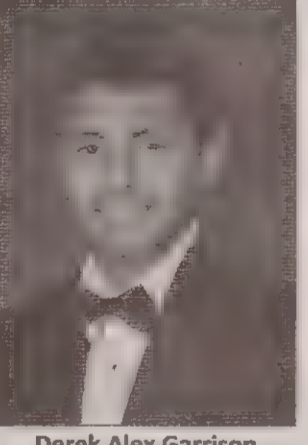
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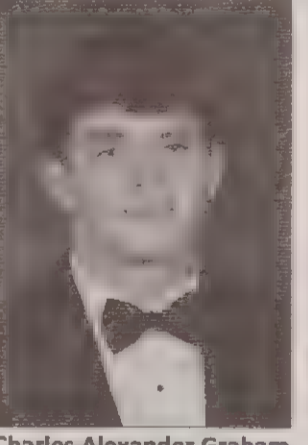
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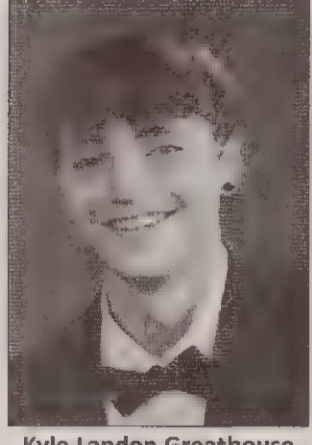
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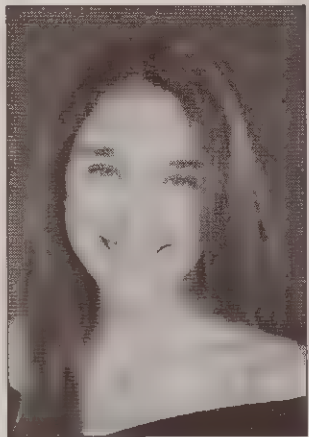
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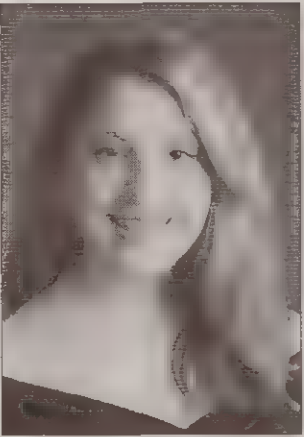
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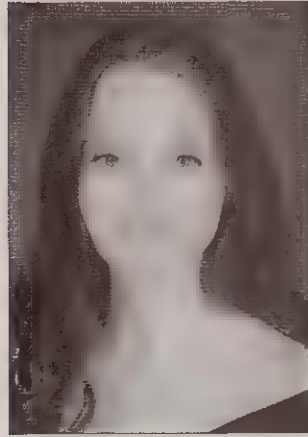
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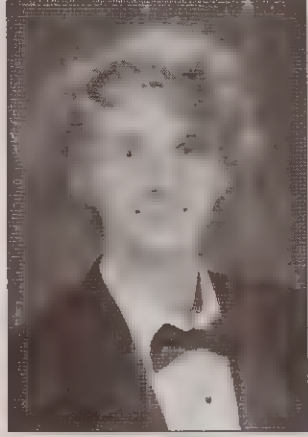
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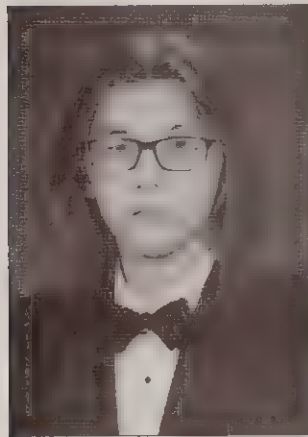
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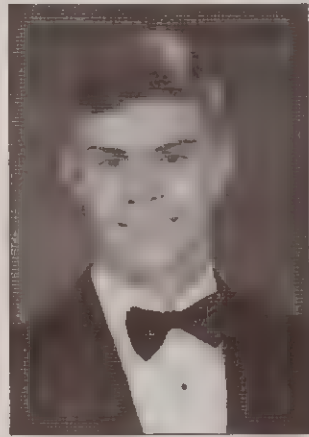
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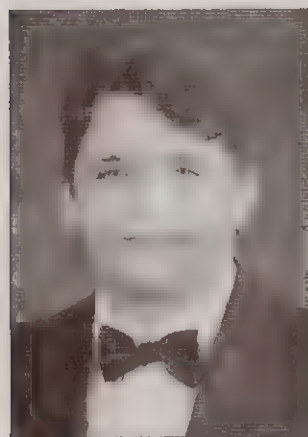
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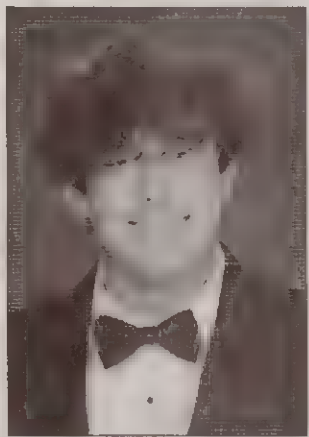
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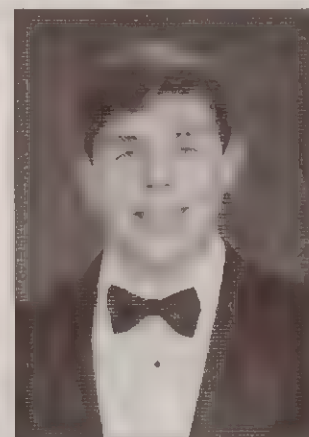
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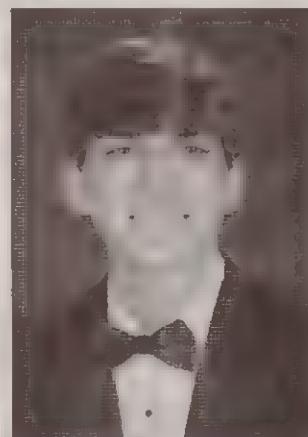
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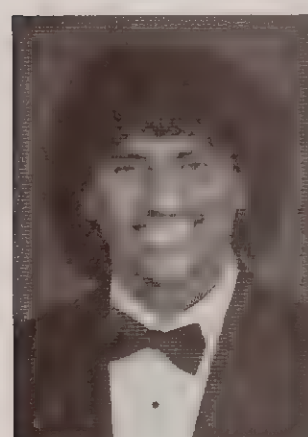
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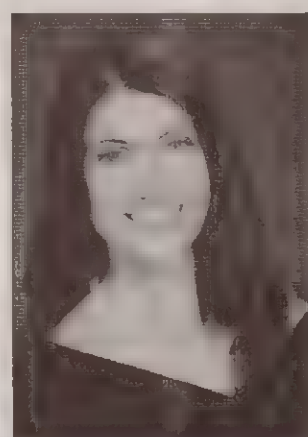
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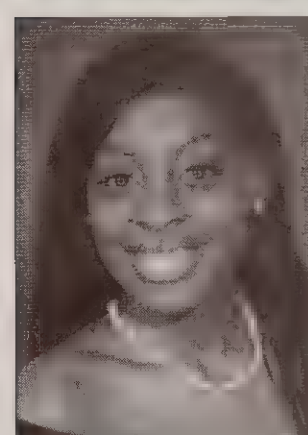
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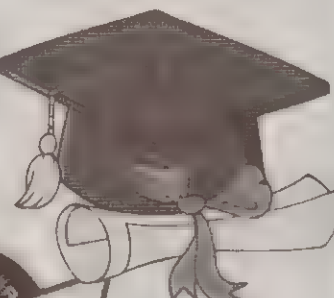


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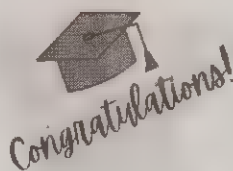
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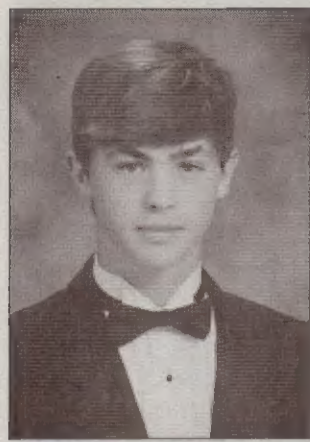
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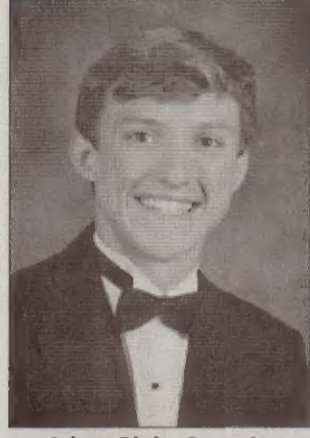
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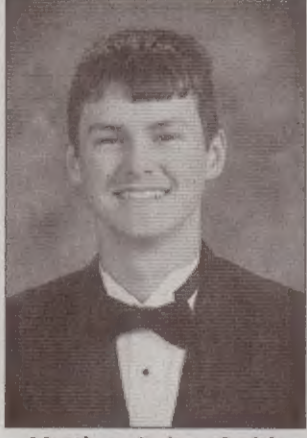
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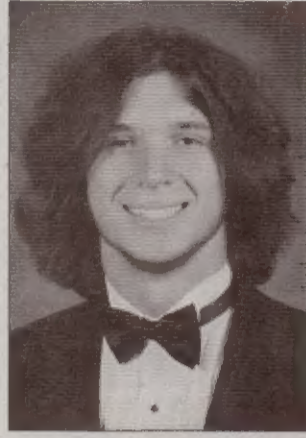
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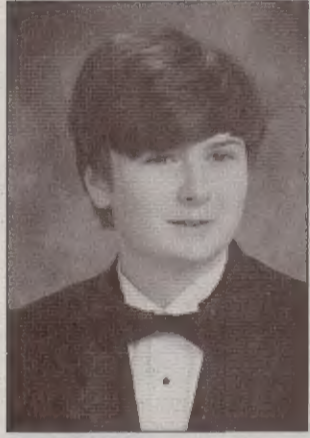
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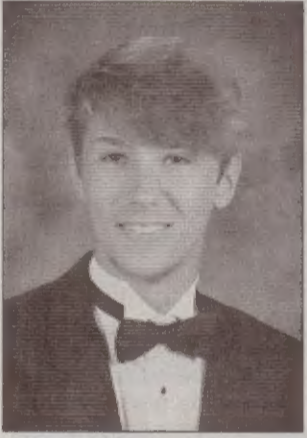
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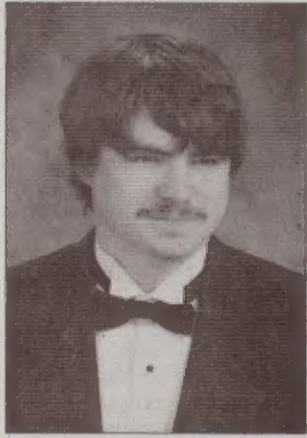
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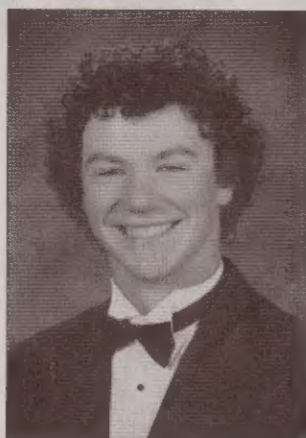
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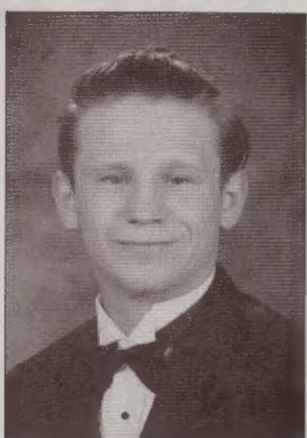
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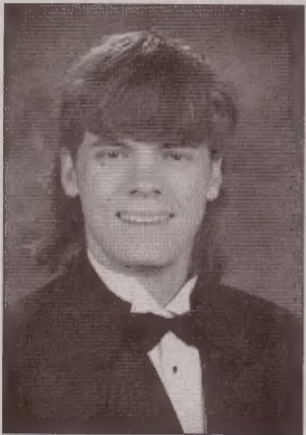
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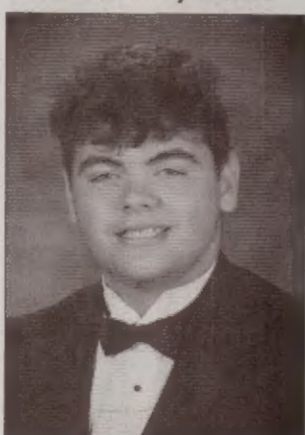
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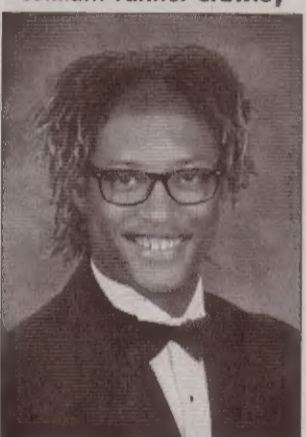
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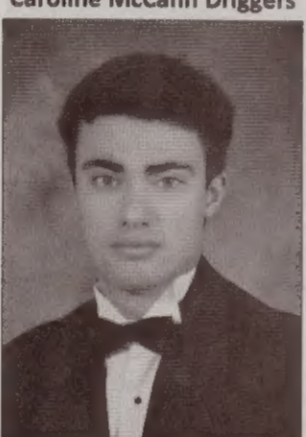
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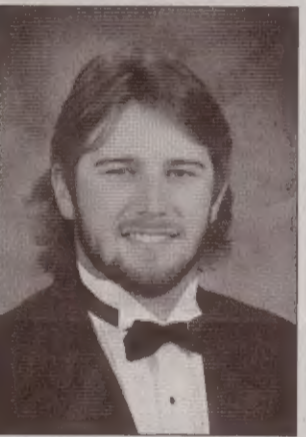
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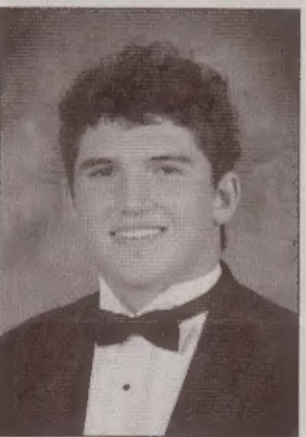
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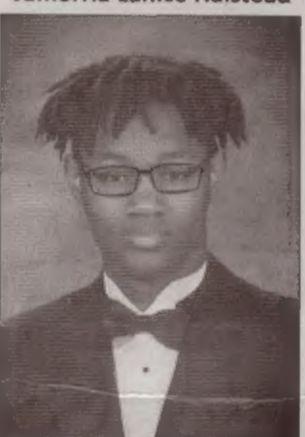
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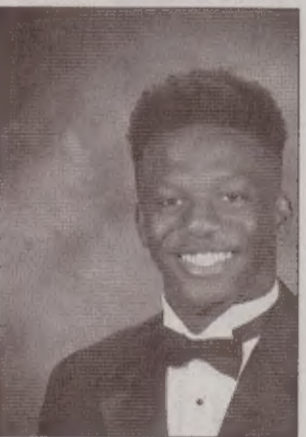
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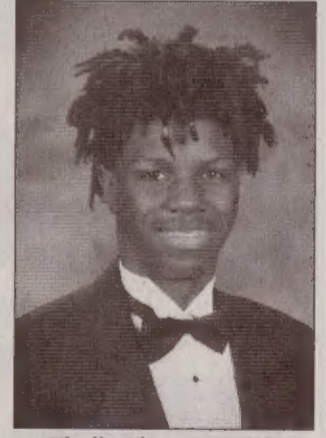
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Following presentation made Monday night at council meeting

City leaders want Elba to be site of crisis diversion center for South Central Alabama Mental Health

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council voted Monday night, May 23, to enter discussions with the South Central Mental Health Center for Elba to potentially be the home of a new rural crisis diversion center.

Tommy Wright, direc-

tor of the South Central Alabama Mental Health Center, address Elba City Council members Monday night on this potential. He was joined by Sandy Flowers, clinical director for the center, along with other employees and board members from Elba - Rhonda Brunson, Lucia Grantham

and Carol Jackson.

"The Department of Mental Health has told our board we are approved for a new Crisis Diversion Center," Wright said. "The governor has talked about developing these centers across the state to help those in a crisis situation."

He said the first three crisis diversion centers were approved for Huntsville, Montgomery, and Mobile, and since then, centers in Birmingham, Tuscaloosa and Houston County also have been funded.

"We have been promised a center, and this will be about a \$6 million project," Wright said. "We have come to Elba tonight to see what interest your city may have in this project and if you would welcome the project to your community."

Wright said there would be three components to the facility - a walk-in center [person seen and crisis dealt with], a temporary observation unit for stays up to 23 hours, and a 16-bed unit for longer stays up to 7 days. Also, he said there would be two supportive programs to go along with it - a mobile crisis team that could actually go out with law enforcement if issues arise in the community, and an expanded crisis hotline for 24-hour availability.

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WRECK PRONE INTERSECTION ADDS TO COLLISION TOTAL...Friday afternoon, May 20, just prior to 2 p.m., local emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle wreck at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Alabama Highway 141 in the Curtis Community of Coffee County. For several years now, this has been a popular intersection for traffic accidents causing multiple injuries to many. Fortunately, the accident last Friday was more of a 'fender-bender' type collision with no injuries reported as a Honda Civic [pictured above] from Tennessee that was traveling on Hwy. 141 attempted to cross U.S. Hwy 84 with oncoming traffic. The Civic collided with an SUV traveling on Hwy. 84. All persons involved were checked out, but no one seemingly suffered any injuries. The SUV sustained damage to the front of the vehicle while the Civic was damaged on the driver's side near the back tire. Elba Police were the first on the scene to assist those involved in the crash along with traffic control and they turned that duty over to deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office upon their arrival on scene. Also responding was the Elba Volunteer Fire Department, and Enterprise Rescue. The accident was investigated by ALEA Troopers. Another wreck occurred at this same intersection on Saturday, May 21, just shy of 1 p.m. No further details were available from this accident, but reportedly, it drew a high volume of emergency vehicle response with some emergency personnel remaining on scene until around 2:30 p.m.



DROP A LINE AT THE COFFEE COUNTY LAKE...The Coffee County Lake is a great get-away for peaceful fishing, and that was certainly the case a recent Friday morning when this avid fisherman was captured enjoying the quiet recreational lake. Not only did he have several lines cast in the water, but he also found a great way to hide from the sun with his beach umbrella attached to his fishing boat. There was no official word on how well he did this outing, but there is no denying he looked to have found a very peaceful way to enjoy the sunny day on the lake. The Coffee County Lake is operated by the City of Elba, and it is open from sun-up to sun-down every Wednesday - Sunday.

Elba BOE approves principal contracts during meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City School Board met Tuesday evening, May 17, and board elections for the year were handled.

For the next year, Greg Sowell will serve as board president and Johnny Senn will serve as board vice president. Sowell will begin presiding over the meetings at the board's next gathering.

Superintendent Chris Moseley said it had been

a goal of his since he took over as superintendent of schools to replace the old, original carpet and other type flooring in the schools. He said the school system is looking at replacing 20 floors this summer.

"That is going to be a very hard task," Moseley said. "That is a lot of floors to get done. We have done eight or nine floors each summer previously, but 20 is our goal this summer along with redoing the high school cafeteria."

The superintendent handed out accolades to the Elba Schools Choral Department on it "outstanding performances of The Lion King Jr.®. He said the performances were incredible, and it was incredible to see

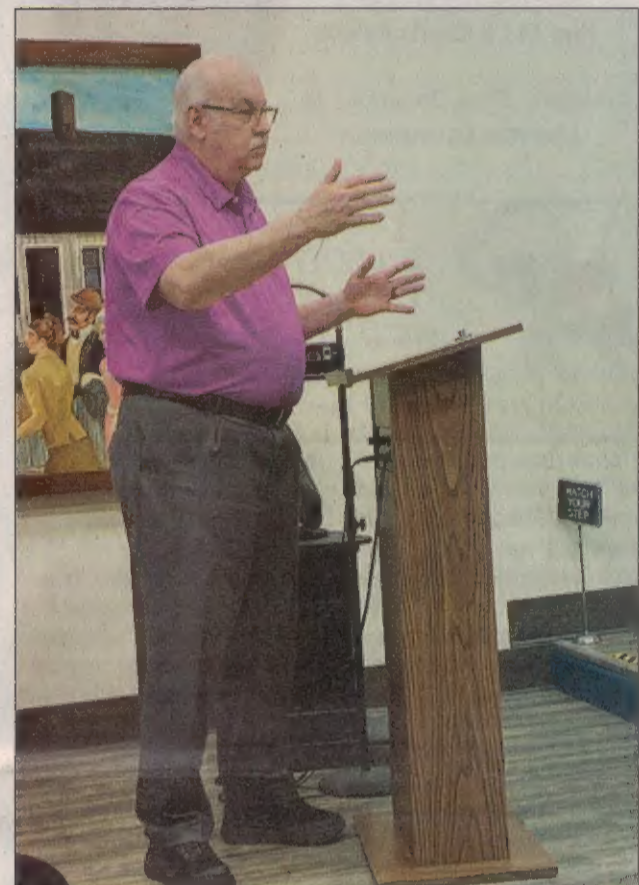
what the students can do.

Board member DeAnn Grantham added that the costumes, which were done in-house, also were phenomenal.

Also, Moseley congratulated the high school golf team on winning the Class 1A/2A boys state championship in golf. He noted this was the second year in a row for Elba to bring home the state title, and he said that was a tremendous feat.

Principals Wynn Grimes (high school) and Kenya Martin (elementary school) were approved for 3-year principal contracts. It was a renewal for Grimes and a new contract for Martin as she had been on a probationary contract this school year.

As for personnel, the board approved the resignations of elementary school teachers Alicia Moore (third grade), and Wendy Sammons (fourth grade). Elementary school teacher hires for the 2022-2023 school year were Felicia Britt, Allie Tucker, and Crystal Nelson. Also, the hire of Kalinda Griffin was approved to be an elementary school aide [via a High Needs Grant - formerly known as catastrophic grant funding].



Tommy Wright, director of the South Central Alabama Mental Health Center, brings a proposal to the Elba City Council for the city to be the site of a new rural crisis diversion center. Elba City Council members voted to open discussions and work to make that happen.



Representatives with Schneider Electric presented the Coffee County Commission with a Savings Achievement Award during the commission's regular bi-monthly meeting Monday morning. The two entities partnered in 2016 to create energy savings for the county, and Schneider Electric announced Monday the \$1 million milestone of savings had been reached. Pictured above are Coffee County Commissioners, along with the county administrator, county engineer, and officials from Schneider Electric.

Partnership between Coffee County and Schneider Electric leads to \$1 million in energy savings milestone

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission received an award Monday morning, May 23, from Schneider Electric for reaching \$1 million in energy savings

"I am excited to be able to deliver the good news and present this award," said Lawson Steed, client services team member with Schneider Electric. "This has been a healthy project, and these savings are a testament to the work everyone has put into it."

Throughout the life of the project, the county and Schneider will continue to monitor savings and celebrate as they advance to even greater savings values. Schneider officials said on Monday that they are still

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Notice:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

Area Happenings

A RECREATIONAL POND MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP...will be held Friday, May 27, at the National Security Farm and Pond, located on County Rd. 404, Elba, Ala. Topics covered will include managing ponds for good fishing, aquatic plant control and nuisance wildlife management. Lunch will be provided. Registration fee is \$10. Pre-registration required by calling (334) 693-3800.

THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY BOARD, in Elba, will meet Thursday, June 2, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

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